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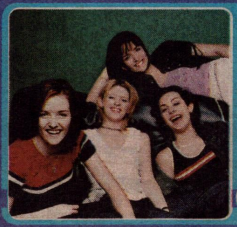

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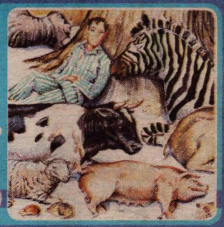

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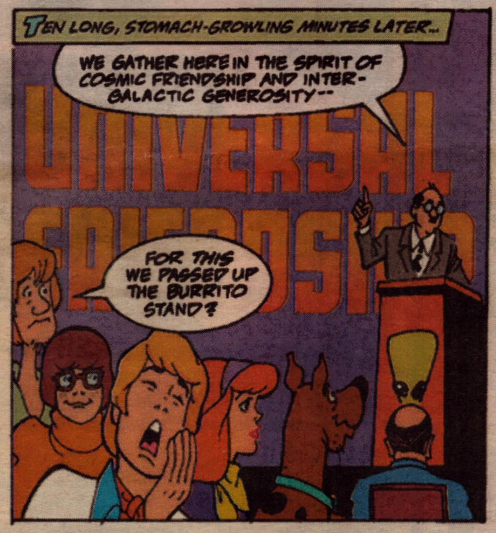

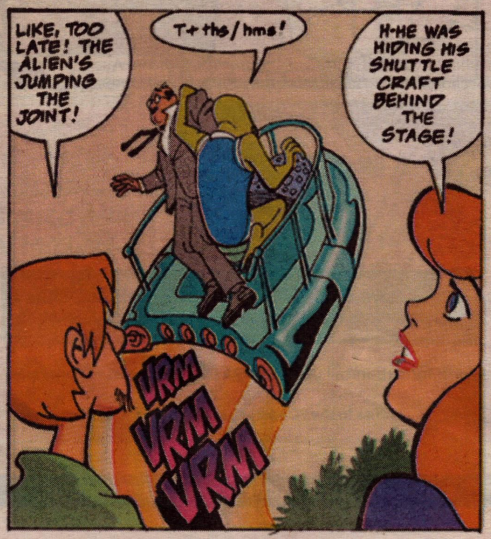

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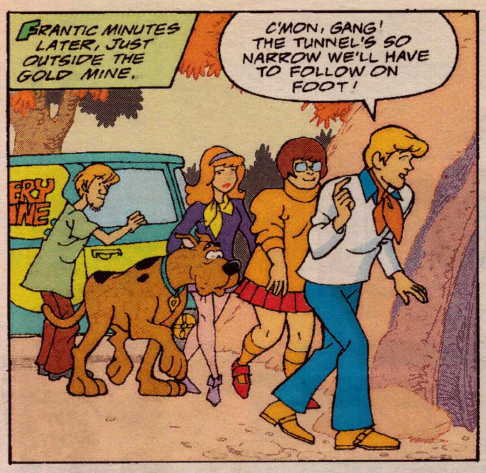

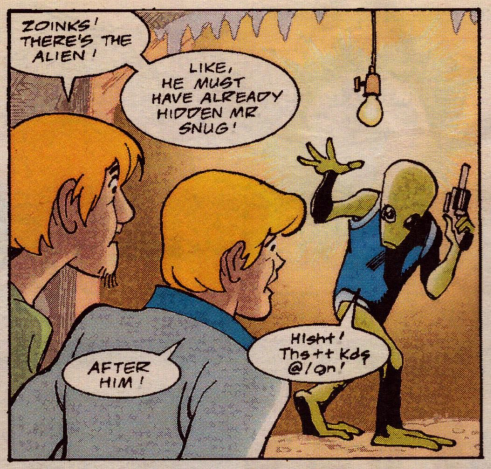

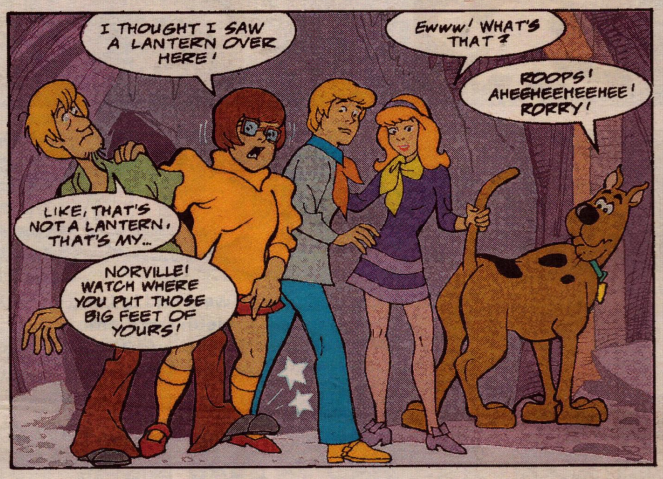

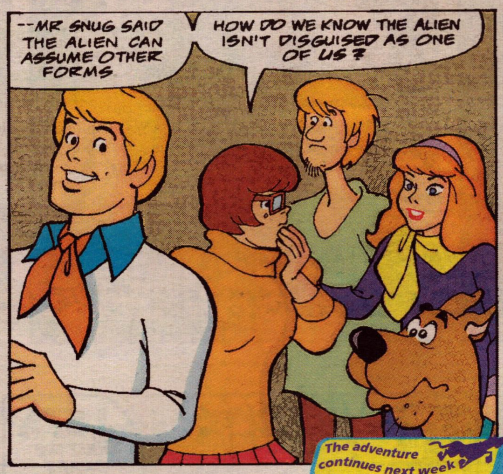

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MR MAGOO IS AT CINEMAS FROM MAY 22

Entries to the FC address, on page 3 by May 20

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THE RED HOUSE

f-mail

The star letter will receive the Tiger Deluxe Ultra Pack PC, essential for aspiring scholars and the runners-up will receive the zappy Brain Shift, a fast-moving memory game!

TIGER

Dear f-mail,
Have any readers watched Evita? Well take my advice, see it now! You may think, "Yuk, opera music," but it's great! It's set in Argentina in the early 1920s and it's a true story that's easy to follow and understand. It shows war, peace, justice and power. Evita starts off as a poor child, then a few years later she visits the big city where she meets President Peron. She marries him and does work for all of Argentina. If you watch it you might appreciate music a bit more and realise that this remarkable woman knew what she and her country wanted and did it!
Kathryn Bartlett, age 12, Reading

PICTURE: REUTERS

Dear f-mail
A few years back my family and I were coming home from our friends' house late at night. We turned into our road and noticed a police car outside our house. We pulled up outside our house and the policeman asked if they could come inside and look around. When we got inside the phone was on the floor and the dog was barking. We came to the conclusion that the dog had knocked the phone off the hook and tapped in 999!
Gavin Andrews, age 12, Woodford Green

Dear f-mail
I am fed up with getting told off at school for wearing make-up, nail polish, short skirts and the coat I want. I mean, the teachers are allowed to have all these things and I reckon that the teachers should stick to the rules too, because otherwise it's not fair on us children.
Nikita Harford, age 11, Malvern

Scooby-Doo and the gang get in a muddle next week – don't miss it!

The FUN Club

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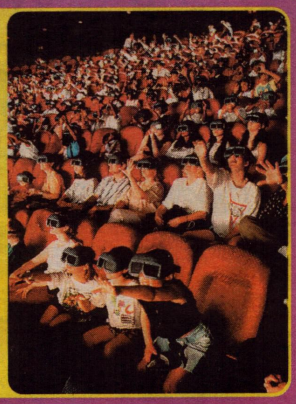
The BIG picture

Calling all telly addicts. We've got two Hitachi Combis to be won, worth £400 each. With the Hitachi Combi (combined TV and video) you can record up to eight hours of your favourite programmes so you'll never have to miss anything again!

HITACHI

For 25 runners-up we have family tickets to the IMAX Cinema at London's Pepsi Trocadero. Watch amazing films in 3D sound and vision on the UK's biggest screen. And while you're there, catch the latest music videos on The Hitachi Video Wall – the biggest video wall in Europe.



TO WIN

Tell us your top TV show and why you like it.

Answers to The Fun Club address, above, by May 20

Off to the Dungeons

To celebrate the latest Goosebumps video release, Stay Out of The Basement, one reader and their family (2 adults and 2 children) will spend a spooky weekend in London, visiting The London Dungeon (accommodation and travel included). The winner and 35 runners-up also get the video, the book from Scholastic plus a chilling T-shirt.

Goosebumps: Stay Out Of The Basement is released on May 18 by Twentieth Century Fox Home Entertainment (£9.99, certificate PG).

To win, make as many words as you can from the letters in GOOSEBUMPS.

Answers to The Fun Club address, above, by May 20

Visit The London Dungeon or The York Dungeon FREE with this exclusive Funday Times voucher

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Present this voucher at The London Dungeon or The York Dungeon to admit up to two children free when accompanying a full paying adult.
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Groove to the latest sounds on Fox Kids with The Pepsi Chart, the only music show that matters. Catch the live acts, gossip and facts about what's going on in the world of music each Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 6.00pm on Fox Kids – the most exciting cable and satellite channel, every day between 6am and 7pm.

180282 If this is your lucky membership number, please write to The Fun Club address, above, (letting us know your age and size) and get this fantastic Fox Kids jacket. You're a winner!

Asterix and the Normans

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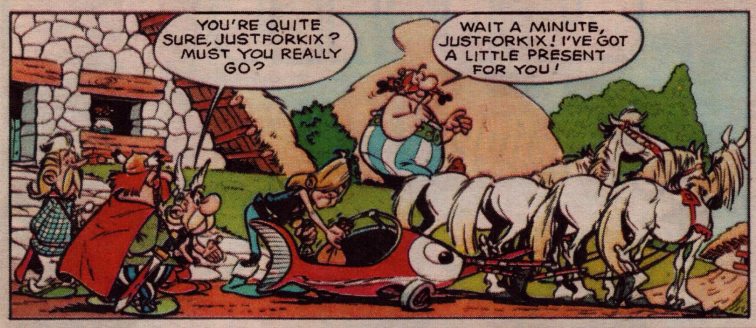

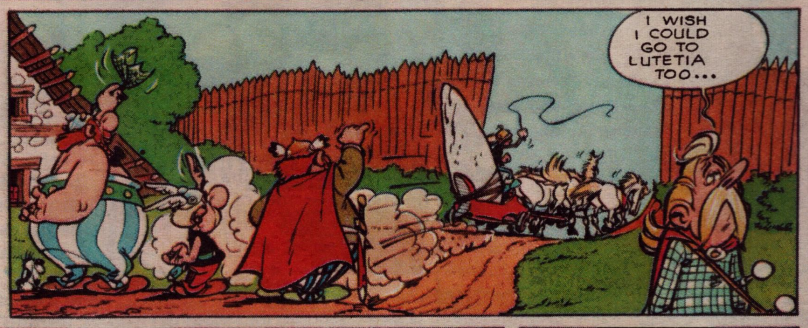

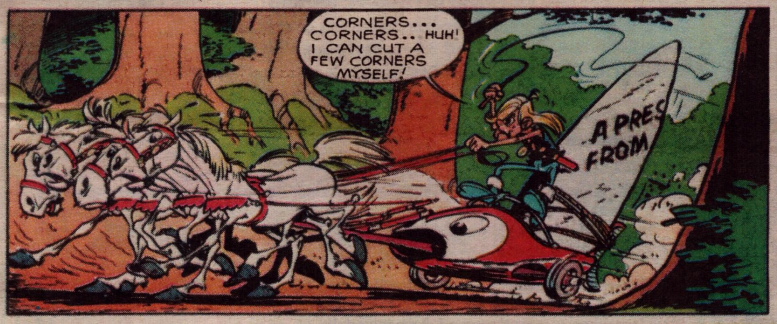

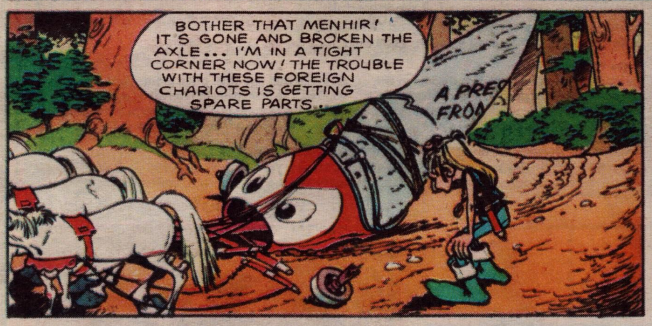

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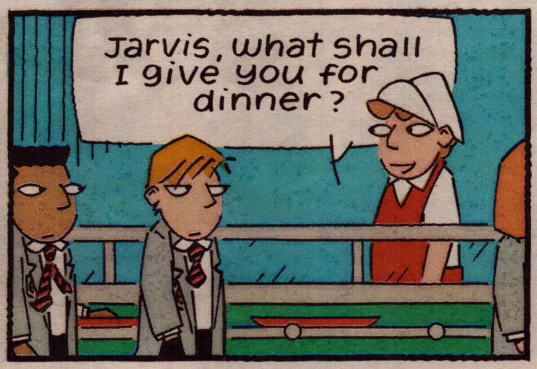

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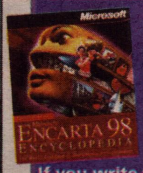

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If you write to us through the Internet you have the chance to win these great CD-Roms.
The star e-mail wins the Encarta 98 Encyclopedia and Greetings Workshop Deluxe. The runners-up can choose either Encarta or Greetings Workshop.

The other day I had a really swollen eye. I was not allowed to go to school because it was contagious and the doctor gave me some eye drops. Because I had nothing to do, I hired a PlayStation game and played with my pet rabbit too. A few days later my rabbit also had a bad eye, so mum took him to see the vet. And guess what? He was given exactly the same eye drops as me!
Matthew Judge, age 10

Why is everyone protesting against Disney's Animal Kingdom when there are lots of zoos that neglect animals and keep them on their own in cramped cages? Animal Kingdom is helping to save wildlife from poachers and habitat destruction, and the animals' surroundings are as natural as possible.
Li-Li Butcher, age 15

I don't see any reason why fox hunting should not be banned. I realise that hunters see it as a sport, but what is fun about killing animals? I thought that sports were things like football and tennis. The hunters say that if it were banned, all the dogs used would have to be put to sleep. But there is another sport where you lay a trail of fake scent for the dogs to follow.
Karen Peakin, age 12

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Can the chariot be fixed? Find out with Asterix next week

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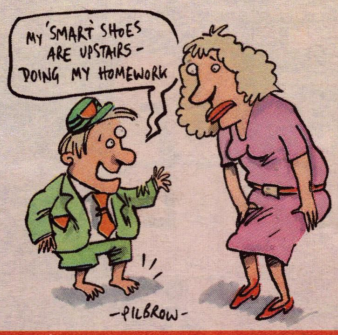


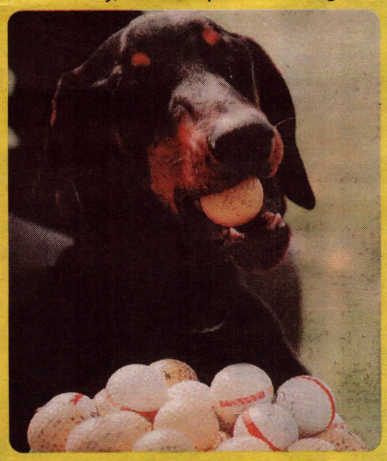
Spooky stuff

New pop band B*Witched have been living up to their name so much recently that Edele, Keavy, Sinead and Lindsay could star in their own episode of the X Files. "Last year we were visiting record companies and taking polaroid pictures outside each one," explains Keavy. "The picture taken outside Epic, which is the company we eventually signed with, showed a bizarre white glow underneath my feet. I didn't think much about it, until we had our first proper photo shoot a few weeks later. Then, when the photographer took some Polaroids at the beginning of the session, the same white glow appeared above my shoulder!" Spooky stuff. The girls also thought their house was haunted by a friendly ghost when things started to move about and disappear one day, Edele recalls. "We came back and found the dishes had been washed and put away – and then our laundry vanished too. Luckily, it just turned to be our landlady's nosy mum and not a ghost at all!"

B*Witched's single C'est La Vie is released on May 25

Hard to swallow

A dopey Doberman called Henry felt well under par after having an operation to remove a dozen golf balls from his stomach. Vet Ian Laird had to open up the golf course guard dog to putt him out of his misery when the pooch's weight suddenly started to drop for no apparent reason. Ian said: "I thought I'd solved the problem when I found one ball. But then I saw another and another ... until eventually I'd got a bucketful! I was flabbergasted." Fortunately, a little birdie tells us that Henry is expected to make a full recovery, after his spell in the rough.



Expanding market

Scientists have invented training shoes that automatically adjust their size according to the state of the wearer's feet. With the volume of an average foot changing by nearly 10% because of increases and decreases in temperature and fluid flow, the revolutionary new sensor-controlled expansion system could make the difference between athletes winning gold or silver medals at the highest level. Researchers report that the smart shoes are extremely comfortable and virtually eliminate the risk of blisters. Mass produced versions are expected to be available next year.

Historic haul

Thousands of history havens all over the country are putting on special events to celebrate Museums Week, which starts on Saturday. Highlights include the Victoria & Albert Museum's huge Power of the Poster exhibition and Croydon Museum's Devious Devices display – featuring some amazing mechanical automata. The Geffrye Museum, in Shoreditch, is running a competition for young visitors to design a 21st century living room. All the winning results will be displayed in the museum.

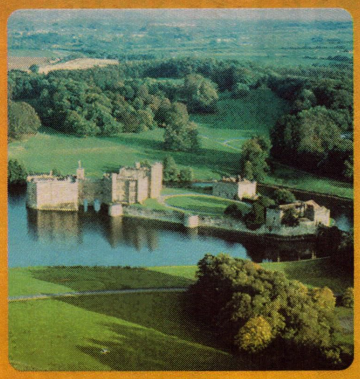
For more information about events in your area, visit a tourist information centre or www.museumsweek.co.uk on the web.

Music at London's Horniman Museum

Tricky turns

An amazing time awaits young visitors to Leeds Castle during this month's half term. The castle, near Maidstone in Kent, has a baffling maze, created from 2,400 yew trees and there's a special treat for anyone who finds the middle – a shell-lined underground grotto, that holds the mysteries of myths and legends. The entire castle goes maze crazy between May 25 and 29 – you can get into a tangle in the rope maze, set foot on the colour-coded mat maze and try to escape from a labyrinth based on the London Underground.

To celebrate this challenging week, we've got ten family tickets for Leeds Castle to give away (two adults and three children). To win, just tell us the name of the jagged tops on castle walls. Send your answer to the FC address, on page 3, by May 20.



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Sleepy creatures

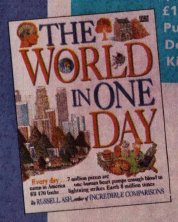
Some snoozing animals sleep virtually all day, while others barely sleep at all. The amount of sleep a creature needs depends partly on how it feeds. The sleepy koala lives on a low-energy diet of leaves, and so it snoozes for around 22 hours out of each 24! While the mighty African elephant feeds almost constantly, leaving it just three hours a day for dozing.

Check out these slumbering creatures and discover how much sleep they all like to have each day.

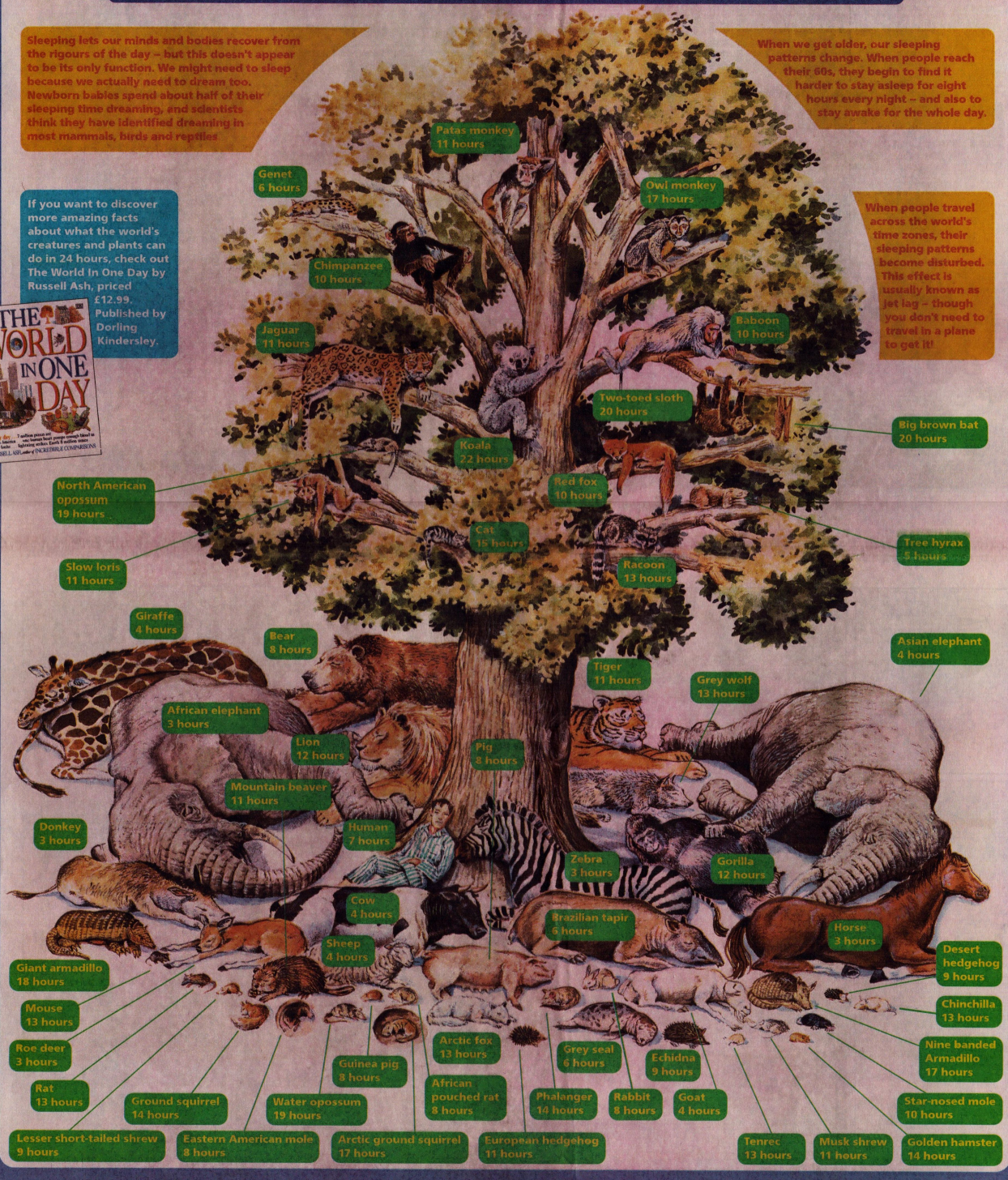
Sleeping lets our minds and bodies recover from the rigours of the day – but this doesn't appear to be its only function. We might need to sleep because we actually need to dream too. Newborn babies spend about half of their sleeping time dreaming, and scientists think they have identified dreaming in most mammals, birds and reptiles

When we get older, our sleeping patterns change. When people reach their 60s, they begin to find it harder to stay asleep for eight hours every night – and also to stay awake for the whole day.

If you want to discover more amazing facts about what the world's creatures and plants can do in 24 hours, check out The World In One Day by Russell Ash, priced £12.99. Published by Dorling Kindersley.



When people travel across the world's time zones, their sleeping patterns become disturbed. This effect is usually known as jet lag – though you don't need to travel in a plane to get it!



WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU FALL ASLEEP?

Each time we drop off to sleep, we all enter a cycle of stages that repeat themselves throughout the night. Scientists have identified four different stages to our sleep cycle.

The first stage is the transition between being awake and being properly asleep. This is when you drop the book you're reading and your limbs become limp. Stage two is known as normal sleep, while stage three is another transition stage – when you sink into the deep sleep of stage four. Now you're snoring!

In 1952 it was discovered that at some points during sleep our eyes dart about beneath the closed lids. It's as though we're watching imaginary moving objects. This phenomenon became known as "rapid eye movement" or REM – and this is when we dream. Sleep studies show that if you wake up during REM sleep, you remember your dreams vividly, but if you wake up during another part of the sleep cycle (known as Non-REM or NREM), you'll probably think you weren't dreaming at all!

When you fall asleep, you reach stage four quite quickly – and then after about an hour, you slip into 10 minutes of REM sleep. You then rise back through the four stages of NREM again – and the whole cycle lasts about 90 minutes.

During the night, we experience four or five of these sleep cycles. Scientists think that during NREM sleep the body and mind are resting – and that this is the type of sleep we need to refresh ourselves. If people don't get any NREM sleep they become tired, clumsy and sluggish.

Tests reveal that if we don't get any REM sleep during the night, we can become overly sensitive, unable to concentrate and develop a poor memory. REM sleep is also supposed to help people cope with stress.

Most healthy adults sleep between five and nine hours each night – though, doctors say it is possible for us to teach ourselves to cope with more or less sleep. We can reduce or increase our sleeping time by two hours per day, without doing ourselves any harm.

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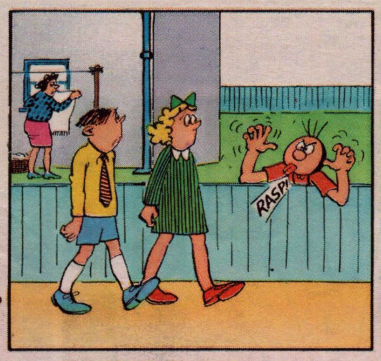

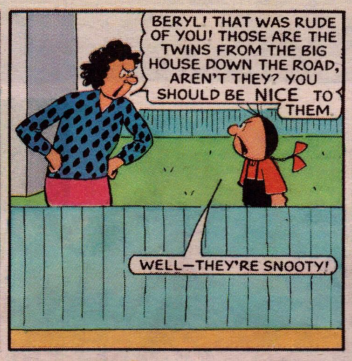

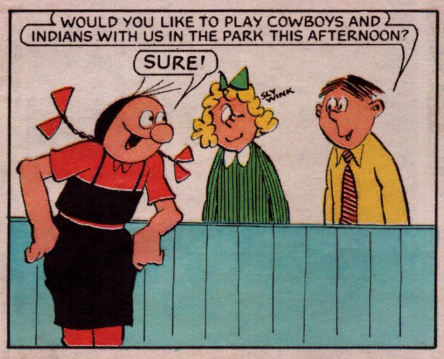

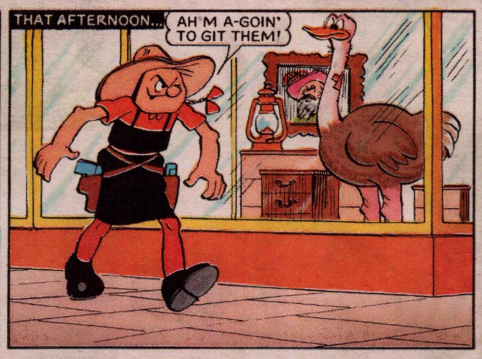

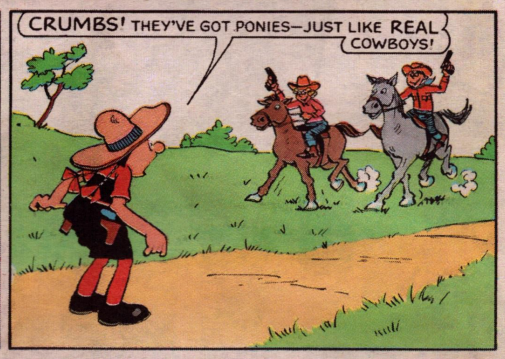

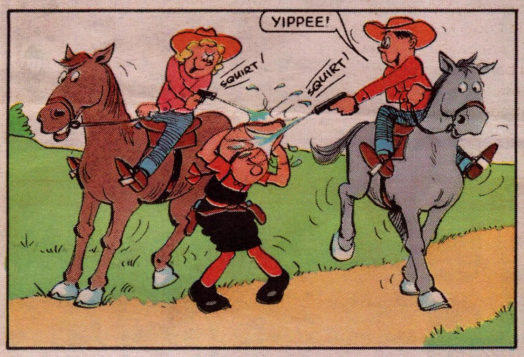

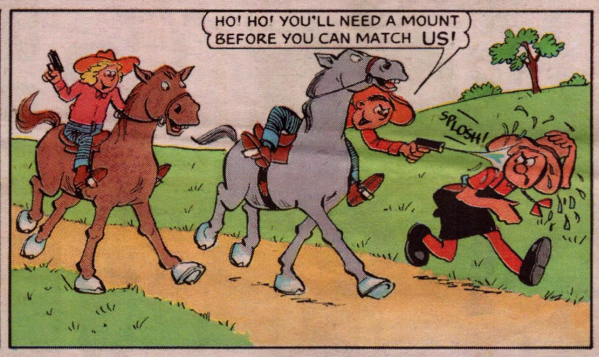

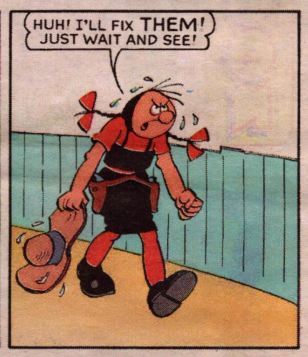

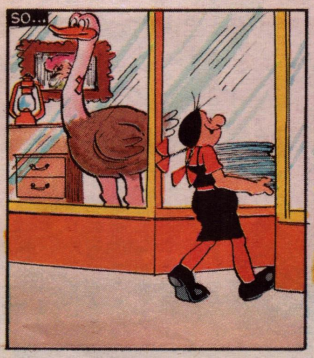

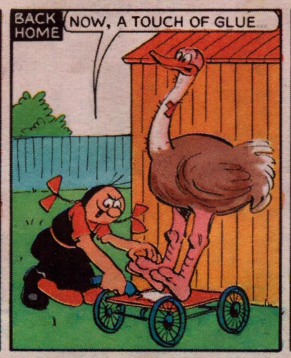

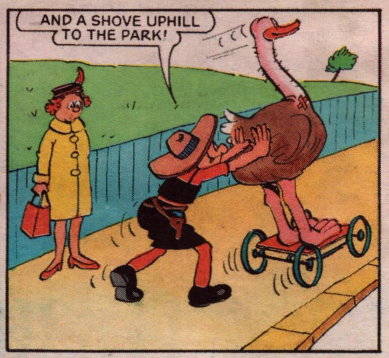

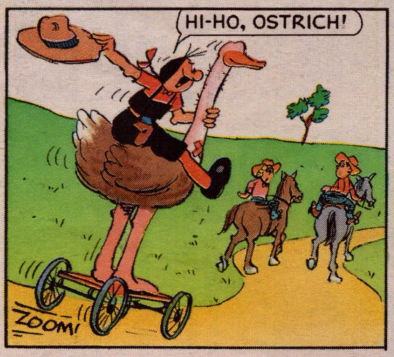

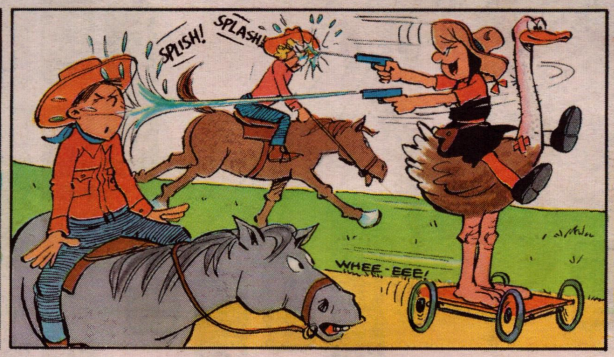

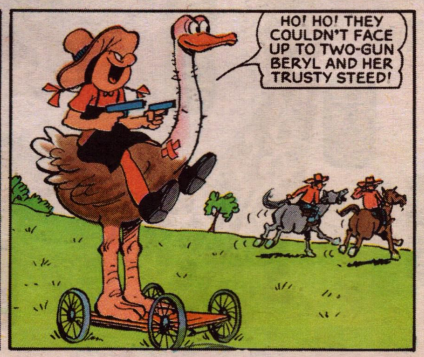

More wild fun with Beryl next week

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Here's your chance to write your own cartoon strip!

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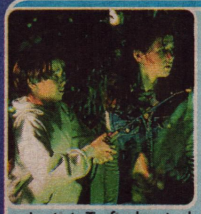
LIFT OFF

SINGLE

KUNG FU FIGHTING Bus Stop ★★★★★

This track was a monster hit more than two decades ago for Carl Douglas, long before anyone can remember – but what does that matter? It's been completely reworked by the chaps from Bus Stop, who even got Carl to sing the vocals once again, and it could easily become the party anthem of the year. Even if you've never heard Kung Fu Fighting before, you'll never forget it once you hear this thumping 90s version. Get down on it!

VIDEO



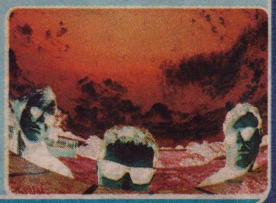
GOOSEBUMPS ★★★★●

Some things in life are always dependable, and the Goosebumps video series is one of them. Stay Out of the Basement continues the fine tradition of chilling films that guarantee to make your spine tingle. Margaret's dad is fired from his job and then spends all his time in the basement, where Margaret thinks he's becoming a mad scientist. To find out, she has to venture into the dark, spooky cellar with brother Casey. What happens? We're not spoiling the surprise.

SINGLE

CARNIVAL DE PARIS Dario G ★★★★★

This has got to be the classiest football single of the year – and there are no dodgy soccer players (who can't sing) messing it up. Dario G have taken a football terrace chant and turned it inside out. The track features instruments representing each country taking part in the World Cup – yes, all 32 of them! There are bagpipes, mandolins, steel bands, spoons and even Chinese gongs. This will get us all in the mood for World Cup 98.

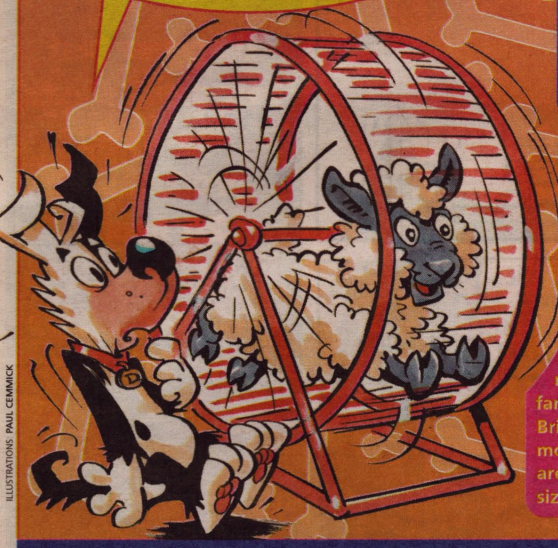


DAGSY DOG

Woof, woof! Here are some interesting facts about various creatures that have crossed my path in my travels.

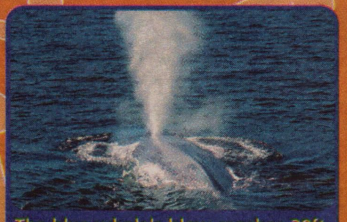
A vervain hummingbird's nest is the size of half a walnut. Not much space for having mates around!

Some of the most endangered mammals on Earth are the giant panda, the Javan rhinoceros and the woolly spider monkey. I hope we see them around for a long time.



The bizarre capybara of South America might be a rodent but it's a bit larger than the mice, hamsters and rats that we are familiar with in Britain. These monster munchers are about the same size as a sheep!

This little bat has a cool name, it's called the Kitti's hog-nosed bat. It is about the same size as a large bumblebee.



The blue whale's blow reaches 39ft, that's as high as six tall people!

If you have a question for me or you want to send in a cool fact, write to:

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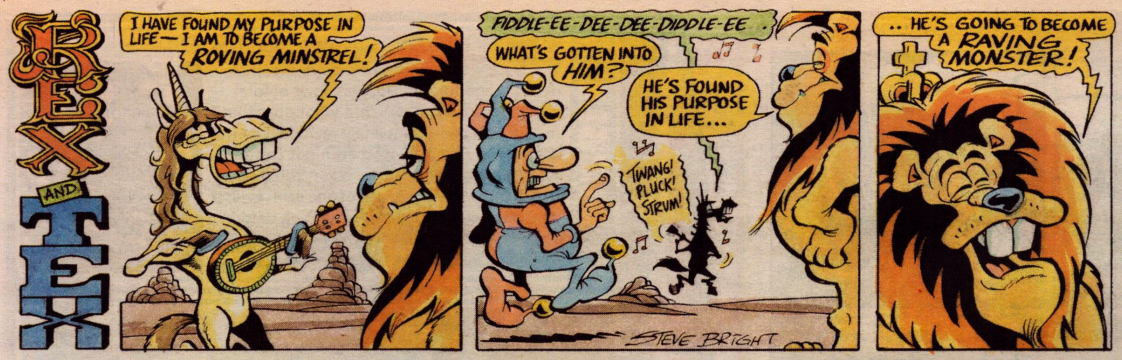
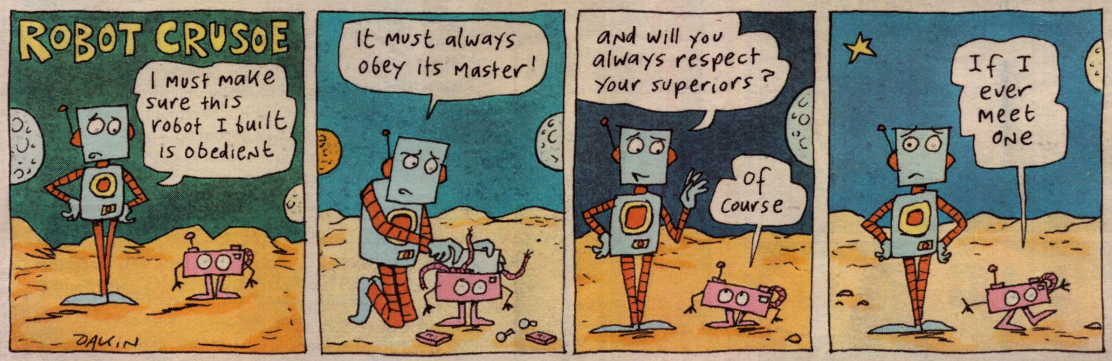
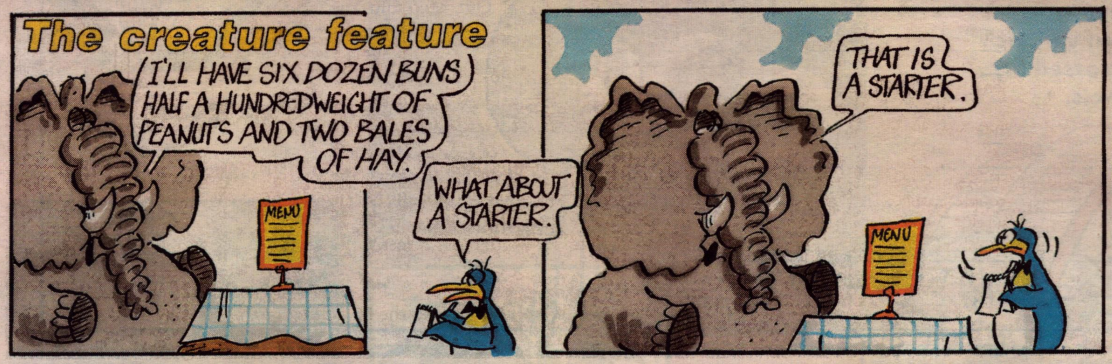

REX AND TEX
I HAVE FOUND MY PURPOSE IN LIFE — I AM TO BECOME A ROVING MINSTREL!
PIDDLE-EE-DEE-DEE-DIDDLE-EE
WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO HIM?
HE'S FOUND HIS PURPOSE IN LIFE...
TWANG! PLUCK! STRUM!
STEVE BRIGHT
.. HE'S GOING TO BECOME A RAVING MONSTER!


ROBOT CRUSOE
I must make sure this robot I built is obedient
It must always obey its master!
and will you always respect your superiors?
of course
If I ever meet one
DAKIN

WILLOUGHBY
I'VE JUST BEEN WATCHING THE ATHLETICS ON MY TV
WHAT ARE YOUR FAVOURITE EVENTS?
HIGH JUMP, LONG JUMP AND THE HOP, SKIP AND JUMP!
ED McHENRY


The creature feature
I'LL HAVE SIX DOZEN BUNS HALF A HUNDREDWEIGHT OF PEANUTS AND TWO BALES OF HAY.
MENU
WHAT ABOUT A STARTER.
THAT IS A STARTER.
MENU

SQUIRT
I SEE A FOREIGN COUNTRY. BAD WEATHER - A SNOW STORM ... A LITTLE WOODEN HOUSE ..
OOPS HOLD ON, THE CRYSTAL BALL'S OVER HERE - THIS IS MY SNOW SHAKER!
PILBROW

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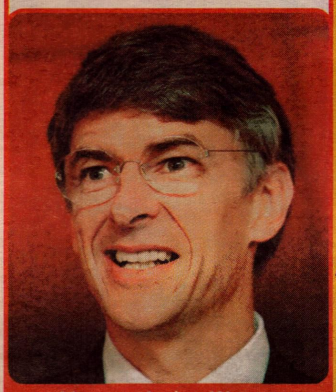
THE FUNDAY TIMES

sport

It's six days until the FA Cup reaches its last match, as Arsenal and Newcastle United battle it out at Wembley. We can't wait to watch the game, but before the real thing, here's The Funday Times guide to how the teams shape up.

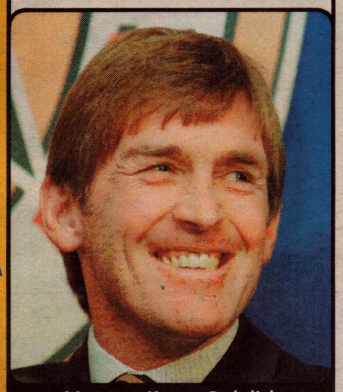
Arsenal



Manager *Arsène Wenger*

HEAD TO HEAD

Newcastle Utd



Manager *Kenny Dalglish*

Quality
Arsenal 10 Newcastle 3

Arsenal have been in fantastic form in recent weeks as they have marched up and won the Premier League, while Newcastle's season has been one long disappointment.

Top player
Arsenal 10 Newcastle 10

Arsenal's Dennis Bergkamp is one of the best strikers in the world and he has been giving defenders nightmares all season, but Alan Shearer is every bit as good. Nothing to decide between them!

Fans
Arsenal 7 Newcastle 10

Arsenal's army of supporters will be out in force, but there's nothing to match the loyal followers of Newcastle United. They follow their team through thick and thin and never stop singing.

Strips
Arsenal 10 Newcastle 10

A couple of classics. Arsenal's red and white shirts are known all over the world, but so are the black and white stripes of Newcastle. However they play, both teams will look great!

The journey
Arsenal 9 Newcastle 2

It's a long old trip from Newcastle to Wembley in north London, while Arsenal's players could virtually walk there. Shearer and the lads will have to make sure they don't get travel sick!

Final score
Arsenal 46 Newcastle 35

If our result is to be believed, the FA Cup will be staying in London this year. Newcastle put up a decent fight, but Arsenal win by 46 points to 35.

FA CUP quiz

PICTURES: ALLSPORT, REUTERS

When Arsenal take on Newcastle United in Saturday's FA Cup Final, it will be 126 years since the first final was played – but how much do you know about the world's most famous club competition?

a Which Chelsea star scored a fantastic long-range goal in the opening moments of last year's final?

b What honour do Wanderers hold in FA Cup history?

c Which team has won the FA Cup the most times – Manchester United, Tottenham Hotspur or Arsenal?

d Everybody knows the Final is always played at Wembley – but which ground, more famous for another sport, hosted the first game?

e How many steps will the winners have to climb on Saturday to collect their medals from the Royal Box – 28, 39 or 77?

ANSWERS

a Roberto Di Matteo **b** They beat Royal Engineers 1-0 in the first final **c** Manchester United, who have lifted the trophy on nine occasions **d** The Oval **e** 39

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Win a chance to be a ball boy or ball girl at The Club Med Cup, the international pre-Wimbledon tennis tournament in London on June 20. All the top players, including Boris Becker, Goran Ivanisevic and Michael Chang are regulars.

Our lucky winner will get a place at the Head Coaching Clinic plus a Head racket, signed by one of the tennis stars! Five runners-up get a pair of tickets to watch the players fine tune their grass court skills before Wimbledon.

For the Club Med Cup ticket hotline, call 0181-876 0630

To win, tell us who won the Men's Wimbledon Final in 1997.

Answers to the FC address, on page 3, by May 20

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The Funday Times wishes both teams the best of luck in the FA Cup!

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